

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK**

June 4, 2009

5:30 P.M.

MINUTES

Present: Mayor Donald Kasprzak, Councilors Tim Carpenter (W1), Michael Kelly (W2), George Rabideau (W3), Jim Calnon (W4), Amy Valentine (W5), Chris Jackson (W6)

Absent: None

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Common Council held on May 28, 2009 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Valentine

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

2. PAYROLLS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS:

RESOLVED: That the payrolls of the various Departments of the City of Plattsburgh for the week ending June 3, 2009 in the amount of \$238,425.55 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby empowered and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Calnon; Seconded by Councilor Jackson

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Report of Fire and Ambulance Responses for the week of May 28-June 3, 2009
- Report from the Building Inspector's Office from

RESOLVED: That the reports as read are hereby ordered, received and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Rabideau; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

4. CORRESPONDENCE & RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS:

- none -

5. AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

RESOLVED: That the bills approved by the Auditing Committee of the Common Council in the amount of \$249,619.23 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk (where required) are hereby authorized and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Calnon
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL:

None

7. OTHER ITEMS

A. Request from the City Chamberlain to award the Insurance Coverage for the three year period beginning July 6, 2009 to Marshall & Sterling.

RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council awards the Insurance Coverage for the three year period beginning July 6, 2009 to Marshall & Sterling

By Councilor Jackson; Second by Councilor Carpenter
Discussion:

Councilor Jackson thanked Richard Marks for all the work he did.

Councilor Rabideau said he appreciates all the work that was done.

Councilor Calnon said they were three very competitive and good companies. The decision was based on budgetary reasons.

Councilor Carpenter would like someone to let the other two companies aware of the decision and that it was based on price as they offered all the same coverage.

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

B. Request from the Superintendent of Recreation to close off the inside lane of the US Oval from 6 am-1 pm on September 26, 2009 for the American Heart Association Heart Walk and Health Fair.

RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the Superintendent of Recreation to close off the inside lane of the US Oval from 6 am-1 pm on September 26, 2009 for the American Heart Association Heart Walk and Health Fair.

By Councilor Valentine; Second by Councilor Carpenter

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

C. Request from Fire Chief Williams to solicit bids for an electric boiler for Station II.

RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Fire Chief Williams to solicit bids for an electric boiler for Station II.

By Councilor Valentine; Second by Councilor Jackson

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

D. Motion to waive rule 4 for initial consideration “Request from the Community Development Office to advertise for bids for building improvements on Project Main St. #4 at 10 City Hall Place, AES Properties.”

By Councilor Carpenter; Second by Councilor Jackson

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

RESOLVED: In accordance to the request therefore the Common Council approves the Community Development Office to advertise for bids for building improvements on Project Main St. #4 at 10 City Hall Place, AES Properties.

By Councilor Carpenter; Second by Councilor Jackson

Discussion:

Councilor Carpenter said the outdoor season is short so the sooner this gets passed the sooner the improvements can be made.

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

8. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION

1. Request from the Community Development Office to advertise for bids for building improvements on Project Main St. #4 at 10 City Hall Place, AES Properties.
(Moved to agenda under Other Items Letter D)
2. Request from the Community Development Office to award Project Main St. #2 and #3 at 18 and 22 City Hall Place to Theodore Stay & Sons for a total amount of \$36,200.00.
3. Request from the City Engineer for the Mayor to be authorized to sign Change Order No. 1 to Contract #2009-01 "Brinkerhoff St. Improvements (North Catherine to Oak St.) North Catherine Street Waterline Replacement (Brinkerhoff to Couch St.) in the amount of \$-58,468.80.
4. Request from Chief Desmond Racicot for Detective John Barry to travel to Albany, NY on June 23-24, 2009 to attend the "DNA Trends and Issues: A High Impact Summit for the Law Enforcement and Forensic Community" at a cost not to exceed \$219.00 which will be paid out of the Asset Forfeiture Fund.
5. Request from Chief Desmond Racicot for Detective Edward Smith to travel to Montour Falls, NY on August 16-21, 2009 to attend the "Fire Behavior/Arson Awareness and Principles of Fire Investigation Course" at a cost not to exceed \$890.00 which will be paid out of the Asset Forfeiture Fund.

9. NEW BUSINESS

Councilor Calnon said that Moody's rated our current borrowing at an A3 and removed the negative outlook for the outstanding debt. Calnon said it was a reasonable move on their part. An A3 is the first step as an upper middle grade bond. Standard & Poor's rated even better at an A+ which is their top level and one step away from a high grade bond. Our bond representatives estimated an average rate on our bonds to be about 4.25% but they actually sold this week at an average cost of 3.91%. It is a difference of \$575,000 over a 20 year loan. Calnon said it was a significant change. It might be worth looking at refinancing down the way. We have been conservative over the past several years and the actual revenues have been higher than expected. We have had good management of benefit cost. Healthcare task force has met that has helped with savings. It's a combination of carefully budgeting revenues as well as minimizing our costs. We have really turned a negative situation into some strength.

10. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Valentine
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:42 pm